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Intra-council texts detail Watson woes

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ARCATA - Newly disclosed text messages between Arcata City Councilmembers reveal frustration and struggle at City Hall over how to cope with Councilmem-

ber Brett Watson.



Brett Watson

Released in four tranches so far, the messages were made public last Friday following a Public Records Act Request filed by the North Coast Journal. They were compiled by City Clerk Bridget Dory based on her requests for relevant communications from the councilmembers, who voluntarily complied by emailing Dory screen caps of texts.

Where previous tranches were composed of predominantly constituent service and other routine communication to and from elected officials, the new batch consists of texts between various combinations of the five councilmembers from Oct. 6 through 28. That was the period during which Watson's estrangement from the rest of the council deepened, and he was removed from the mayorship with a "no confidence" vote.

COUNCIL * PAGE 4

Safe Parking plan OK'd

MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA – The Arcata City Council last week finalized its approval of a new "Safe Parking" program to help reduce dangers of vehicle life for Arcata's 300 or so nightly car campers.

Arcata House Partnership (AHP) will manage

the new Safe Parking facility, located at 1680 Samoa Blvd. The 12-month pilot program is funded with \$685,000 in onetime America Rescue Plan Act funds; \$600,000 for AHP's services and \$85,000 allocated for electrical service and a \$6,500 **SAFE PARKING * PAGE 5**

Manila: help us, CHP

Jack Durham

MAD RIVER UNION

MANILA - Manila's town board is asking the California Highway Patrol for increase patrols in the community to reduce the number of speeding cars and off-highway vehicles on the streets.

The Manila Community Services District Board of Directors voted Jan. 18 to send a letter to the CHP asking for help in dealing what's perceived as a growing problem.

Speed tables

In the letter, Manila district safety officer Sequoyah Faulk-Kellogg notes that a speed table was recently installed on Peninsula Drive on the ocean side of town, and it has helped reduce speeding. A speed table is like a speed bump, but longer and with a flat top.

MANILA * PAGE 5



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WELCOME ❖ PAGE 7

Omicron wave outpaces quick-test availability

Daniel Mintz

MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT - The Omicron variant is "fast moving" and "widespread," says the county's public health officer, which is increasing demand for rapid

testing kits that are in short supply. In a hastily-arranged news conference on Jan. 19, county health officials said calls to the county's COVID-19 information center asking about test-

ing have spiked as has Omicron. "A focus in this phase of the pandemic is on testing as one of the primary tools," said Public Health Officer Dr. Ian Hoffman. "I think the big takehome is that if you're having trouble finding supplies, know that you're not

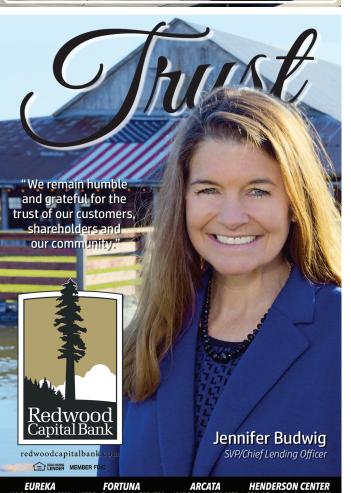
Hoffman 'It's happening everywhere' alone, it's happening everywhere."

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He added, "But if we need to prioritize, we should be

COVID * PAGE 4





Arcata Fire to pursue annexing Goodwill Area

Jack Durham MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA/FICKLE HILL - The Arcata Fire District decided Jan. 11 to further study a proposal to annex the upper Fickle Hill and Jacoby Creek neighborhoods.

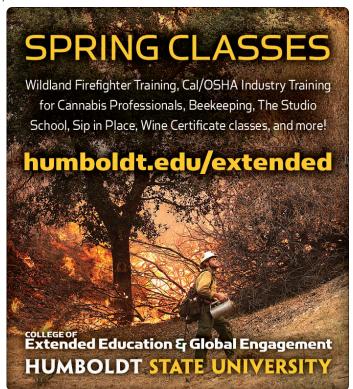
"I think it's worth looking at," said Randy Mendosa, chair of the AFD Board of Directors, at its Jan. 11 meeting.

The area is outside the boundaries of the district.

which serves a 62-squaremile area that includes McKinleyville, Arcata, Manila, Bayside and a portion of the Jacoby Creek neighborhood.

The upper reaches of Fickle Hill and Jacoby Creek are part of what's called the Arcata Goodwill Response Area. Arcata Fire responds to a couple calls a year in the area, but residents don't pay the district's special assessments,

ANNEXATION ❖ PAGE 5





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Correction

MEMORIAL SERVICE A memorial service for Ralph Davis, who died Jan. 3 at the age of 88, is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 27 at 2 p.m. at the Arcata-McKinleyville Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1200 Central Ave. in McKinleyville.

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HUMBOLDT - College of the Redwoods is one of 45 California colleges and universities that will participate in the Californians For All College Corps program, a new state-funded

tuition reduction program. The program will cover \$10,000 of tuition costs for students who do 450 hours

of community service, beginning in the fall 2022 semester.

CR will be partnering with Humboldt State University on recruitment of eligible students. Together, the two institutions are hoping to place 100 students, 80 from HSU and 20 from CR who will be placed with local non-profits working in critical areas such as climate action, K-12 education and food security for one school year.

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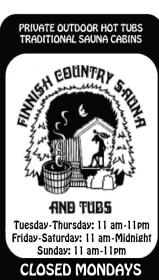
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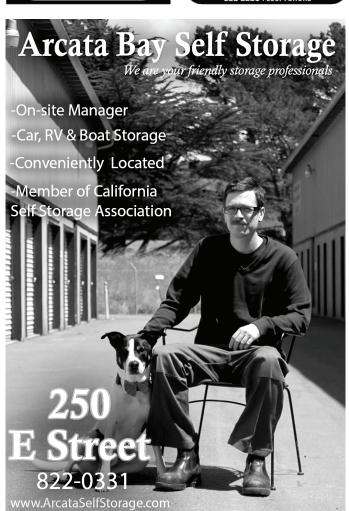
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Redwoods, sees this as a win-win for CR, the local community and students, saying, "the Californians For All College Fellowship will benefit our community through meaningful service-based learning opportunities that build leadership skills and civic responsibility while also helping students from diverse backgrounds graduate college on-time and with less debt."

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Redwood Region Audubon Society Bird Photo Contest

REDWOOD REGION **AUDUBON SOCIETY** HUMBOLDT - Look-

ing for a fun activity? Go outside, take photos of birds and share. Redwood Region Audubon Society is currently holding a bird photo contest,

open to all ages. Everyone is encouraged to submit their photographs under the following guidelines:

- All birds must have been photographed within the states of California and/or Oregon
- Photos must have been taken within approximately the last year
- A maximum of two entries per person (see exception for Nuthatches below). • Please include precise
- location and date of photo, your full name, address, email, phone number and age if under 18 years Results will be in the April issue of The Sand-

Redwood Region Audubon Society Points will be awarded

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- bird from the Tribal Territory the bird was seen • Three species of Nuthatches (Red-breasted, Pygmy and White-breast-
- ed), three photos allowed • A Clark's Nutcracker
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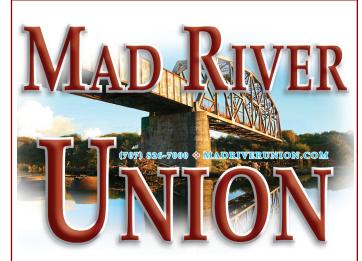
by Gary Bloomfield and a

pelagic birding trip with Gary Friedrichsen. Photos will be judged by The Sandpiper editor, along with local photographers, Leslie Scopes

Anderson, and Ann Con-

stantino. All photo submissions and any questions should be sent to The Sandpiper Editor Gisèle Albertine giseleandco@gmail.

com. Deadline for photo subto of any bird within the missions is March 1, 2022.



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March 18 deadline for Student Bird Art Contest

FOAM/REDWOOD AUDUBON

HUMBOLDT – For the 19th year, Friends of the Arcata Marsh and Redwood Region Audubon Society are co-sponsoring a Student Bird Art Contest in conjunction with the Godwit Days Spring Migration Bird Festival.

Up to \$550 in prizes will be awarded to Humboldt County students from kindergarten through high school who submit a drawing of one of 40 suggested species or another bird who has been seen locally.

Prizes also will be awarded for the best rendition of a bird in its natural habitat.

Entries will be judged by local wildlife artists and educators. Awards are scheduled to be presented at on Saturday, April 16 at the outdoor amphitheater at the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary.

Copies of winning artwork will be shown at the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center during May and June.

A flyer with complete rules and





BEAUTIFUL BIRDIES Past entries in the Student Bird Art Contest.

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a list of suggested birds to draw is posted at godwitdays.org or can be picked up at the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center, 569 South G St., Arcata. Flyers have been e-mailed to all schools in Humboldt County.

Artwork may be dropped off at the

Interpretive Center (open Tuesday through Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) or mailed to Sue Leskiw, 155 Kara Lane, McKinleyville CA 95519. Entries must be received by Friday, March 18 to be considered. Questions should be e-mailed to sueleskiw1@gmail.com.



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END OF AN ERA The more irredeemable parts of Arcata's fabled Trinity Hospital are being demolished to make room for Humboldt State's new Trinity Children's Center and Child Development Lab. The original hospital structure will be preserved and modernized, and a new, 3,800 square foot wing added. Opening in spring of 2023, the facility will house children's classrooms, offices, educational and support spaces and play areas. Photos by Matt Filar | Union



COVID | Omicron overwhelming testing

❖ FROM PAGE 1 prioritizing those who are sick."

A recently-launched federal website covidtests.gov – allows each U.S. household to order four free tests, Hoffman continued, and "that's something we would encourage everyone to utilize immediately.'

Schools are testing students and "some have been given at-home tests," he said.

But the shape-shifting and adeptly evolving virus has outpaced ability to deal to with

"We're certainly not gonna have enough tests to get through the Omicron surge," said Hoffman. "It is overwhelming all testing across the board so we may have to prioritize some in the coming weeks."

The county's COVID-19 case counts are now at record levels. From Jan. 15 to Jan. 21, 2,010 new cases were confirmed.

Local hospitals are bracing for an influx of COVID-sickened patients, as severe illness takes ten days to two weeks to set in after infection. Last week saw nine new hospitalizations, two more than the previous week.

There was one death last week, of a resident in their 20s. There were four the week before, possibly reflecting what's believed to be a lesser degree of severe illness with Omicron.

Even though the virus is more contagious and vaccine-resistant now than it has ever been, restrictions have been mostly abandoned as a means of infection control. The responsibility for public health has shifted away from government as closures and across the-board health orders are seen as having intense social and economic im-

Humboldt State University began a new in-class semester last week and an unpopular suspension on audiences at high school sports events was lifted.

Means of virus control is "up to each individual administration," said Hoffman. His department is offering "clear guidance on how to make public spaces safe" and those recommendations are being followed by the schools, he continued.

As of now there are no plans to return to lockdown-style measures but local circumstances are being closely eyed. "We are continuing to review our local case count, hospitalizations and deaths and make our determinations based on that local data, if we need to do things any stricter here,' Hoffman said.

Council | Texts reveal some of what was happening behind the scenes at City Hall

FROM PAGE 1

The PRA request asked for "copies of emails/written correspondence to and from (as well as text messages to and from) the following members of the Arcata City Council: Stacy Atkins-Salazar, Emily Goldstein, Meredith Matthews, and Sarah Schaefer dating back to October 6, 2021, that have references to Brett Watson," and "all emails sent and received by Brett Watson on his city account since October 1."

The intra-council dispatches are informal, at times reflecting levels of emotion and raw personal assessments not commonly heard from the dais during council meetings.

fragmentary, While the texts provide a basic outline of four first-term councilmembers seeing their initial sympathy for an erratic-behaving colleague dissolve amid confusion and resentment at his council-distracting ex-

What isn't disclosed are details of Watson's alleged offense, which is now being investigated. That and other undocumented details leave some gaps in terms of understanding certain references in the conversations.

Watson remains on the council and participates constructively in its business, though recent meetings have been marked by unusually tense exchanges between him and the other councilmembers, as well as staff.

Watson's only comment on the newly revealed messages was, "These texts appear to have been carefully selected."

Snowballing problems

Watson's personal strife first welled up in August,

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2021 with his arrest for driving under the influence. It later came to light that he was in possession of cocaine at the time. He ultimately pleaded guilty to reduced charges.

The incident triggered suggestions that he resign as well as expressions of support. With the council having no authority to remove him, Watson chose to retain his position. On Oct. 20, on a 4-0 vote,

the council declared "no confidence" in Watson and stripped him of his mayoral position in absentia over an allegation of alleged inappropriate conduct which remains undisclosed.

At the time, Vice Mayor Emily Grace Goldstein said that Watson's actions "negatively affected the city and some of its staff members." From support to disgust

Around Oct. 10, perah Schaefer from Watson includes an apology for drinking too much due to depression over his father's

Schaefer offers sympathy. "Let me know if I can support you in any way," she writes.

On Oct. 10 at 4:53 p.m., Watson asks Schaefer for a phone conversation. "It's important," he says.

Another redacted, undated text by Watson, forwarded to then-Councilmember Atkins-Salazar by Councilmember Meredith Matthews, stirred strong reactions.

"My therapist says I shouldn't resign," Watson writes. "She says [redacted] led me on and tried to keep me addicted to [redacted] so [redacted] could control me. My attorney [redacted] says I shouldn't resign. Two other attorneys I talk-

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ed to told me not to resign." "My psychologist also told me [redacted] was enjoying the relationship and having me dependant [sic] on [redacted]."

In her response, Matthews declines to engage Watson, but affirms their friendship and asks that he haps the day before, a text not bring the issues up with to Councilmember Sar- her. "Please don't put me in that position," she says.

"I apologize," Watson

In an ensuing exchange with Atkins-Salazar, Matthews states, "I'm disgusted," apparently referring to Watson's message.

"I'm just starting to get angry because I feel like we're being really manipulated," replies Atkins-Salazar. "We've been trying to be very gracious and give him an easy way out... But this is not OK."

The two agree that Watson has been dishonest and manipulative, but offer no specifics.

It was at some point in this time frame that the alleged misconduct by Watson may have occurred, because the exchanges take a different direction.

'Holy actual shit'

On Oct. 12, Matthews asks Councilmember Emily

Grace Goldstein, "Did you talk to Nancy Diamond? Holy actual shit."

"Yep!" replies Goldstein. "My reaction exactly."

On Oct. 13, a week before Watson's ouster as mayor, the council held a closed evening session over a single case of "anticipated litigation."

At 7:20 that night, ac- probably on Oct. 19, Atcording to a copy of a text kins-Salazar says that if provided by Atkins-Salazar, Matthews writes, "Hey. I hope you're OK. This was a rough night. FYI Nick [Matthews, Meredith's husband] gave Brett a ride home."

"I'm just so grateful it's out in the open and that all 4 of us are on the same page," states Atkins-Salazar. Apparently referring to the closed session meeting.

Both are eager to move on from the Watson imbroglio.

"What a burden you carried," Matthews states "I'm enigmatically. ready to get to work"

"Let's get shit done!!" enthuses Atkins-Salazar.

"Yes!!" replies Mat-

thews. At 7:27 p.m. on Oct.

14, Matthews asks Atkins-Salazar if she's heard from Watson.

cilmember statements will be coordinated with City Attorney Nancy Diamond. What followed that night

cludes by saying that coun-

was his ouster in absentia as mayor and the no confidence vote, plus the airing of unspecified allegations of misconduct.

'We did the right thing'

On Friday, Oct. 22, while still undergoing therapy in Petaluma and in another norm-shattering move, Watson bypassed the city's communications staff and City Manager's Office and issued his own ostensible City of Arcata press release.

"I did," Atkins-Salazar

But much to his col-

replies. "He said he would

resign and takes full re-

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son was not to follow

through on any promise to

The big day

Watson hasn't resigned "by

our meeting tomorrow,'

the other councilmembers

may make a statement,

possibly including a vote of

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"It will be an interesting

On Oct. 19 at 5:14 p.m.,

Schaefer asks Goldstein

if she's heard from Wat-

son, and is told no. Gold-

sten asks if Matthews has

heard any news from staff

or the other councilmem-

bers. "No, no word," At-

Goldstein then says she's

forwarded to Diamond a

statement she wanted to

read regarding a vote of

no confidence at the next

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motion and reading the

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make sure it's how we all

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cation from Watson, and the

lack of direction as to how to

responsibly handle the next

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meeting approached in

which Watson was to be

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she hasn't heard from Wat-

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con-

Atkins-Salazar

The next day, Oct. 20

evening's proceedings.

Both express frustration

ward," Goldstein writes.

"If it is how you all want

night's special meeting.

kins-Salazar replies.

no confidence.

she concludes.

A text some days later,

resign, if one was made.

sponsibility."

Using a copied city seal and nonstandard writing style, Watson stated that "On Monday October 11th, I informed the City Council and staff I would be stepping down as Mayor and entering a 30-day residential rehabilitation program to focus on depression and personal issues. My goal is to get myself better before making any decisions on how I can continue to best serve my community."

All this was apparently news to his colleagues. At 7:12 p.m., Matthews forwards to Goldstein a link to a Mad River Union story about Watson's rogue press release.

"I just saw!" exclaims Goldstein. "WTF. He forged a city document??????"

"Right?" agrees Matthews.

"I'm blown away," Goldstein says. "Every time I think he can't go farther he does."

"Super disrespectful to do it this way, without taking any responsibility," says Matthews.

"Completely!" agrees Goldstein.

At 7:27 p.m. that night, Matthews asks Atkins-Salazar, "Did you see?"

"Yep," replies the mayor. "So at this time he's not resigning. I also read the mean and nasty email from [redacted]. And the legal inquest from [redacted]... I'm feeling pretty shitty. But in the middle of my pity party guy [sic] thought of the previous counsel [sic] and what they had to go through with a Josiah Lawson murder... This is nothing compared to that so I guess I just need to toughen up!"

"We did the right thing," Matthews says, apparently referring to Watson's demotion and the no confidence vote.

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Wetlands and Creeks Committee sets goals for council to ponder

Ray Olson MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA – The City of Arcata Wetlands and Creeks Committee (WACC) held its regular meeting by Zoom on Tuesday, Jan. 18.

Committeemembers spent time discussing and developing their committee goals for the Fiscal Year 22/23. Committee goals provide guidance to the City Council's discussions as it develops its upcoming city-wide goals and fiscal budget. The committee goals also clarify objectives for future WACC agenda items.

These committee goals will be incorporated into the WACC's 2021 Annual Report, which will be presented to the City Council during a future meeting. Once that presentation is scheduled, the final annual report will be included in the Council's agenda packet and posted online at *cituofarcata.ora*.

After robust discussion, the Wetlands and Creeks Committee unanimously approved eight goals. Goals include:

- 1. Support city staff to implement the MS4 (storm quality) Permit, including stormwater education and outreach. (The permit requires the city to implement a variety of actions to reduce pollution in urban stormwater run-off to protect the water quality of local creeks, rivers and Humboldt Bay.)
- 2. Maintain presence on Measure A's Ad-Hoc Committee and revisit the priority funding list twice per year. (Measure A is an annual special tax of \$37 per parcel to fund the protection, preservation, maintenance and expansion of Arcata's parks, trails, and natural open spaces. It was approved by over 80 percent of Arcata's voters in the 2020 election.)
- 3. Continue to review and provide policy recommendations to support habitat, water quality, and climate resiliency, including the Local Coastal Program (LCP) Up-

date and Strategic Infill Redevelopment Program (SIRP). (More information about the LCP and SIRP can be found at cityofarcata.org.)

- 4. Explore HSU partnership opportunities and support city staff to develop potential paid, unpaid, and/or standardized internships focused on protecting Arcata's wetland and creeks resources.
- 5. Support city staff in sea level rise adaptation planning and implementation efforts, including review of Thriving Earth Exchange research. (Thriving Earth Exchange is a non-profit organization that assists local governments with science-based project review. Visit thrivingearthexchange.org for more information.)
- 6. Support city staff in the development of a long-term management plan for the city-owned Jacoby Creek Gannon Slough Wildlife Area complex.
- 7. Explore options for inter-committee information sharing and idea exchange with the Wetlands and Creeks Committee, i.e., share goals with other committees, invite other committee members and/or provide updates to other committees. (Currently, there are eight additional city committees and they often share overlapping expertise and purviews.)

8. Explore subcommittee formation to support city staff as needed and feasible, i.e., grant proposals.

The Wetlands and Creeks Committee is composed of Council-appointed community volunteers interested in helping to preserve, enhance and protect Arcata's wetlands, creeks, tidelands and open spaces, including the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary.

All WACC annual reports, agendas and approved minutes are archived (and easily accessible) on the city's website, cityofarcata.org. Every city committee meeting is recorded and all recordings are available upon request for up to one year.



DUMP SPOT The parking lot at the intersection of State Route 255 and Vance Avenue between Manila and Samoa is a notorious location for illegal garbage dumping. Left, the parking lot has a lot of room for trailers and trucks to turn around during illicit garbage dumps. Right, this modified photo shows the design for the parklet. The site includes really delicious views of Humboldt Bay. VIA CALTRANS

Jack Durham

MAD RIVER UNION

MANILA – In an effort to reduce illegal garbage dumping and clean up an eyesore, the California Department of Transportation is planning to turn the parking lot at the corner of State Route 255 and Vance Avenue into a small park.

The bayfront parking lot is notorious for being a dumping spot for old mattresses, couches, construction debris, dilapidated vehicles and other garbage.

Julia Peterson, who heads Caltrans' Clean California project, gave a presentation on the park proposal to the Manila Community Services District Board of Directors at its Jan. 18 meeting.

The proposal was well re-

ceived, with board members saying that the new park would be ideal for birdwatching and family picnics.

Under the proposal, the size of the parking lot would be greatly reduced, with much of its replaced with a grassy area with two cement picnic tables. There would also be an area with native plant beds. The parking would be limited to designated spaces adjacent to Vance Avenue.

Construction could begin as early as March, depending on the weather, and the parklet could be completed by this sum-

"This is a really fast turnaround time," Peterson said.

The park would be built and maintained by Caltrans.

One issue that still needs to son@dot.ca.gov.

be resolved is whether the project will include an artistic component. One option is to have artists paint the concrete picnic tables, and maybe the concrete trash bins.

"If we leave it to the engineers at Caltrans, it will either be plain concrete color or orange," Peterson joked.

Board member Dave Jannetta, an assistant professor of film at Humboldt State University, volunteered to work with Peterson and connect her with artists.

The \$89,000 project would be funded by Clean California grant funds, which are intended to clean up eyesores.

Those who want to give input on the parklet proposal can reach Peterson at julia.peter-

Safe Parking | Will help campers, neighborhoods

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month-to-month property lease.

A staff report estimates that 300 households in Arcata "could be counted" as having no safe place to sleep. The Safe Parking Program will serve up to 30 households currently sleeping in vehicles throughout the city per evening at the Samoa Boulevard site.

The location will be staffed, and provide basic necessities and service referrals to all participants, who will be assisted in addressing their homelessness and gaining financial and housing stability.

Hopes are that the facility will reduce the nega-

tive impacts of car camping both on Arcata neighborhoods and those sleeping in cars, and give citizens and police a viable location to direct them. Arcata residents will be given priority at the site.

County Dept. of Health and Human Services and Open Door Mobile Medical will also provide support.

The project augments other recent commitments by the city to aggressively address homelessness in unprecedented ways. These include the pending Project Homekey conversion of two motels in Valley West to permanent supportive housing, and creation of a small tiny house village in the Aldergrove area.

Cannabis farmers campaign for Measure S tax relief

Daniel Mintz MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT - A campaign to suspend Humboldt County's cannabis excise tax is underway and a member of the Board of Supervisors has said the request is already being actively discussed.

In a press release, the Suspend Measure S campaign asks the county to "forgive" the October 2021 excise tax payment, "waive" the next payment due in March and to suspend the tax for a year following that.

During the

suspension, the

campaign asks

that a "new eq-

uitable and fair

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has been deferred to the end of

May and additional grant oppor-

tunities have been added to the

county's Project Trellis assistance

they're close to the edge of insol-

discussed cannabis regulation

issues at their Jan. 11 meeting,

cannabis farm owner and consul-

tant Mika Cook said the county's

longstanding cannabis farming

tradition is facing an existential

now with the state of the industry

as it is because we might not sur-

vive - it feels like we are in an ex-

tinction event, period," she said.

"And if we, as small farmers who

really do care passionately about

protecting the environment don't

make it, who's gonna come in to

was approved by county voters in

The Measure S ballot measure

replace us?"

"It seems really scary right

But cannabis farmers say

When the Board of Supervisors

coun-

canna-

industry

struggling



Michelle **Bushnell**

program.

vency.

and calculated – moves that have been overturned in court, forcing

Supervisors

the county to give partial refunds. The Suspend Measure S press release notes that the county can make changes to Measure S as long as the tax's amount and scope ar-

2016 and advanced an excise tax

based on grow area square footage.

changed the way the tax is charged

subsequently

en't increased. And during the general public comment period of the supervisors meeting, Selina Rowan, CEO of the Midnight Gardens cannabis farm in Benbow, said farmers can't afford match requirements for water storage grants and supervisors should agendize a discussion on suspending Measure S.

"I would like to participate in the grant program but at this time I know I'm not alone in saying I can't provide a one to one match," she told supervisors, adding that suspension of Measure S is necessary because "we're incredibly overburdened, financially."

In response, Supervisor Michelle Bushnell said there's been a significant amount of outreach to the county for tax relief and the board's cannabis ad hoc committee met the previous day to discuss it.

"We are hearing you," she said. "It is not falling on deaf ears – we are hearing you and we are working toward some solutions."

Suspend Measure S held a well-attended rally on Jan. 18 at the county courthouse in Eureka.

The message, expressed by signs and by those who spoke, was that conditions have changed drastically since Measure S's approval in 2016 and the county needs to adjust its tax policy accordingly.

The press release describes the campaign as "a grassroots effort composed of cannabis businesses, community partners, local citizens, and organizations, powered with help from the Humboldt County Growers Alliance."

Manila | OHVs ply the roads

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The new speed table is located east side of Peninsula does not. near the Manila Community Center, which houses Redwood Coast Montessori. The district is also lobbying the County of Humboldt to install another speed table on Peninsula Drive near Orange Avenue, which is about 600 feet south of the community center.

In a letter written to the county Board of Supervisors last month, district board President Meghan Ryan stated "Driving speeds along Peninsula Drive and poor visibility have been concerns in our community for years and the recently completed raised crosswalk and hump have been well received. Residents have asked that the district, and subsequently, the County Board of Supervisors support an additional installation to complete the calming effect as the new installation has greatly improved safety by slowing traffic in front of the Manila Community Center and provides a safe crossing to the Redwood Transit Service bus stop on both sides of Peninsula Drive."

Speeding cars While the ocean side of Peninsula Drive has a speed hump, the

"The eastern half of Peninsula, however, does not enjoy any calming measures whatsoever and has seen an increase in vehicles speeding in and around the Manila Park and Lighthouse Plaza Market, both located on and adjacent to small and otherwise quiet county roads Victor Blvd., Peninsula Drive and Mill Street,' Faulk-Kellogg wrote to the CHP.

Another visible problem in Manila which seems to have increased since the pandemic began is people driving off-highway vehicles (OHVs) on county roads, which is illegal. One resident of Manila routinely drives an ATV through town and through a dunes and wildlife area owned by the district.

"The Manila Community Services District Board of Directors seeks to memorialize our dedication to the safety of our residents and respectfully requests increased patrols, specifically as deterrents to speeding and OHVs on our local side streets and public spaces," wrote Faulk-Kellogg.

Annexation

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which fund the fire service.

Instead, they receive invoices to pay for the costs of the response. "This is neither a popular nor convenient way to recoup our costs," Arcata Fire Chief Justin Mac-Donald told the board.

The district will study the proposal in conjunction with the County of Humboldt and the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo), which would need to approve the annexation.

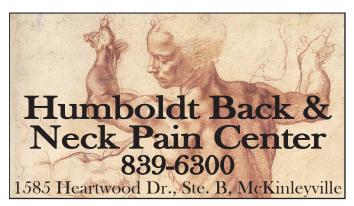
Ultimately, the decision to be annexed into the Arcata Fire District would be decided by property owners in the upper Fickle Hill and Jacoby Creek neighborhoods.

An election would be held and more than 50 percent of voters would need to approve the annexation.



Save Big at Eureka Natural Foods







Gentle giant Jack and sweet, non-standard Zeke

hanks to everyone who contributed to an animal welfare group for the Betty White Challenge! I know that many local organizations were thrilled to receive donations.

In case you missed it, Betty White passed away just weeks before her 100th birthday and a movement began to

honor her memory by donating as little as \$5 to an animal welfare organization of the donor's choosing. Millions were raised across the country as fans of Betty White participated in the challenge!

The shelter's Emergency Medical Fund and Redwood Pals Rescue were thrilled to be part of this event and thank

our friends for

mentioned wonderful volunteers at the shelter. Here are a couple of their favorite dogs, Jack and Zeke.

Jack is a big pressed the volunteers with his easy manner on the leash to sit nicely to be leashed up.

Two-year-old Jack was a little shy at first but now that he has learned that he has lots of volunteer friends his confidence has increased considerably.

We love this sensitive boy. He has been playful and enthusiastic and will make a great buddy for the right dog. The meet and greet that I observed did not result in an adoption because the other dog was not as interested in having a new friend as his owner was, but Jack did great.

We think Jack may be a possible candidate for a home with cats. This big fel-

their donations. Last week I



low weighs in at about 90 pounds Another easy-going boy at the shelter is Zeke. One of our volunteers, Dean, has been taking Zeke on outings. I think he would

just take him gentle boy that has im- home if he could, but this is the next best option!

Zeke has had an advenand his friendliness to other ture in the Community Fordogs. He can be counted on est and another to the beach. He has been very well-behaved out in the world, meeting many new two- and four-legged friends.

Zeke is about a year old and has a sweet and playful personality. His unusual markings and thick coat turn a lot of heads as he walks about. Zeke weighs in at about 65 pounds.

Both of these boys are neutered, microchipped, current on their vaccinations and available through the Humboldt County Animal Shelter.

You can make an appointment to meet them by calling (707) 840-9132 Monday through Friday.



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WAY OUT WEST Valley Westers turn out rain or shine to pitch in on community cleanup days, several more of which are upcoming. The events often include tabling and resource distribution, food, music and dancing. Top left and middle, community cleanup crews. Top right, a recent outdoor musical event at the North Coast Inn. Above left, Laurel Tree Charter School students put their permaculture and gardening skills to work in the Valley West sunshine. Above right, Carlson Park is a frequent center of constructive activity. Photos VIA KIMBERLEY WHITE | VALLEY WEST

Valley Westers – help spend to make change, and pitch in to clean up

alley West is making progress to no longer be the forgotten part of Arcata. Lots of exciting things are happening in our community!

In addition to family fun events, both weekly and monthly trash cleanups are sponsored by CUNA (Comunidad Unida del Norte de Arcata/Community United of North Arcata). A feasibility study is also underway for a possible resilient hub/family resource center in Valley West.

Participatory Budget Process

And now the community has an exciting opportunity to have their voices heard and give input on what improvements they want to see in the Valley West Community via a Participatory

Budget Process.

As a Valley West resident I am excited to be part of CUNA, a lead staffer drafting the Feasibility Study for a local Resilient Hub as well as being part of the Participatory Budget process all of which are under Cooperation Humboldt.

Valley Westers, would you like to help decide how to spend the \$30,000 surplus ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds delegated by the City of Arcata plus an additional \$15,000

for Valley West beautification also from the City of Arcata?

Kimberley

White

Your vision and ideas for Valley West are needed! Come share your input at our first in person Participatory Budget Process meeting Thursday, Feb. 3 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Red Roof Inn conference room. Both childcare and dinner will be provided.

If you prefer not to attend an in person meeting, there will be an opportunity to participate online via zoom, Thursday, Jan. 27 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the CUNA Monthly Recap at uso2web.zoom. us/j/89813615964.

But what exactly is a Participatory Budgeting process? It is a community driven decision-making process centered around

giving the residents themselves a voice. Community residents brainstorm ideas on how to improve their neighborhood. A steering committee is then formed from both residents and Cooperation Humboldt staff to develop the proposals from these sessions.

The steering committee then comes up with formal proposals on how to allocate funds based on the brainstorming sessions data and group discussion. A stipend is provided to the steering committee resident participants. Residents then vote on the developed proposals. Finally, the proposals with the highest number of votes are sent to City Council and staff to be decided upon.

The process of Participatory Budgeting comes from Latin America, so bringing those historical roots to Valley West and our Latinx community just makes sense. Many others are now using this process as well.

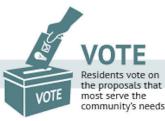
Morgan March, the Participatory Budgeting coordinator at Cooperation Humboldt, who himself is from Sweden explains: "In several municipalities in Sweden they have developed processes for all their residents to take part in

the creation of the whole annual budget, including tax increases or decreases, directly. But I expect this process to be a lot less involved, and more of a look at the possibilities."

David Cobb, executive director of Cooperation Humboldt, adds, "This is a pilot project to show the residents, officials of Humboldt County, and its city governments how to implement these kinds of direct democratic processes, letting residents have a voice on how public money is spent. We are a part of the Democracy Beyond Election Coalition (DBEC), who awarded us a grant to help demonstrate the use of Participatory Budgeting with our local community."







DEVELOP
PROPOSALS
Volunteer "budget delegates" develop the ideas into feasible proposals.

PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING How it works.

Via The Participatory Budgeting Project | participatorybudgeting.org

Oscar Mogollon, CUNA program coordinator, explained, "This process is designed to have residents at the center, and we are also inviting organizational groups and community advocates to observe the process. We believe that when people see the benefit of the Participatory Budgeting process, that we can inspire more communities and neighborhoods to replicate this process."

If interested in participating as a Valley West community member or an observer we invite you to come explore the possibilities at these upcoming Participatory Budget events:

• Online Brainstorming Event: Thursday, Jan. 27 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the CUNA Monthly Recap at *uso2web.zoom. us/j/89813615964*.

• In person Brainstorming event: Thursday, Feb. 3 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Red Roof Inn at 4975 Valley West Blvd.

• In-person Voting Event: Thursday, March 10 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Red Roof Inn at 4975 Valley West Blvd. Voting will also be possible online.

CUNA is a project under Cooperation Humboldt. If you are not already familiar with Cooperation Humboldt here is some background about what they stand for and what they do.

Organization information

Cooperation Humboldt (CH) is a nonprofit social change organization working to build a solidarity economy on the North Coast of California. A solidarity economy is a system in which everyone has their needs met in a way that does not exploit anyone or harm the environment. It is an economy that embodies the values of economic and social justice, diversity, cooperation, self-management, and ecological sustainability.

The government or

and implements the winning ideas.

institution funds

Cooperation Humboldt' project-based work is grounded in regenerative economic principles that incorporate a strategic approach to resource development.

In addition to a focus on achievable outcomes, they work toward building programs that create community ownership and are transferable to the commons. Their projects are created by and for the people they serve. All of their program areas and projects are oriented toward collaborative, intercultural, and interorganizational co-leadership.

CH is a recognized regional leader in regenerative economic development. Through their Worker Owned Humboldt project, CH helps to develop worker-owned businesses in collaboration with our regional Small Business Development Center.

All of their work centers around creating a more resilient local community. They imagine and implement solutions to modern problems that are rooted in principles of deep democracy, environmental restoration, deep community grounding, and placebased healing. CH programs improve access to food, housing,

quality employment, cultural connection, and more.

CUNA, Comunidad Unida del Norte de Arcata/Community United of North Arcata, is a Cooperation Humboldt project working on developing the North Arcata community around Valley West by deepening democracy, uplifting the Latinx community, and building community resilience in the face of climate change. Watch for future CUNA Carlson Park and other Valley West community events.

Cleanup times

Come join CUNA's Community Trash Cleanup partnership with the City of Arcata's Adopt-a-Park program at Carlson Park on the second to last Sunday of the month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Supplies will be provided (trash "grabbers," buckets, garbage bags, gloves and PPE). Our next community clean up will be Sunday, Feb. 20 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Valley West's Carlson Park, off of Giuntoli Lane.

And don't forget the upcoming City of Arcata Clean the Sidewalk Day in Valley West, Sunday, Feb. 6 from 9 to 11 a.m. (More details next week.)

Hope to see you there! **But wait, there's more**

For more information on the Valley West Participatory Budget Process contact Morgan March at woh.morgan@gmail.com or (707) 702-3725, Oscar Mogollon at oscar.g.mogollon@gmail.com or Kimberley White at kaw2@humboldt.edu.

Welcome | Come to Arcata for an education, stay for the nature, the people, the food, the music...

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Besides its natural beauty, Arcata's people are its greatest resource. You will find the people here to be friendly and welcoming. It is not uncommon to wait in line a little bit longer because the person in front of you is catching up with the cashier or to find yourself at a four-way intersection waiting for someone to finally make a move.

People tend to smile and say hello as they pass each other on the sidewalk, and you might just find a stranger starting a random conversation with you.

Things Arcata people do

You will find that there are many ways to get involved in your community.

- 1. *City Government:* Work part-time, join a citizen committee, participate in a community clean-up event, attend a City Council meeting, run for City Council! Visit the city website for current opportunities: *cityofarcata.org*
- 2. Outdoor Adventures: Walk, run or bike the Arcata

Community Forest. Explore Mad River Beach (the water is *cold*). Take a walk or watch the sunset at one of Arcata's favorite destinations, the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary, also home to our wastewater treatment plant (I did tell you we were quirky...). Enjoy one of Arcata's many parks, relax on the Plaza, and so much more. These are only some of Arcata's outdoor treasures and there are many others in the surrounding communities.

3. Food: We have great food here in Arcata! I'm not going to list all our wonderful restaurants, because I'm sure to forget one (and being the mayor, that wouldn't look too good...) but ask around. People will be glad to list their favorite eateries. Those are also great places to find employment.

4. Community Events: Again, we have so many of these. Saturday Farmers' Market on the Plaza, Arts Arcata, The Kinetic Sculpture Race and HSU sporting events. If you're here in the summer be sure to check out our annual Oyster Festival and beloved Crabs baseball team.

5. *Nightlife:* I'm going to be honest; we don't have the same offerings as more metropolitan areas do and this can be an adjustment for some, but there is usually something going on. On any given evening within walking distance of each other you can watch a movie, shoot pool, listen to live music or throw an axe (not just randomly... we have an actual place to do that).

Immerse yourself in Arcata

Ultimately, your experience here in Arcata at HSU will be what you make it. My advice is to be open to new experiences, find a good friend group, work to find balance in your school-work-social life and please don't hesitate to reach out if you need help.

You can reach me at *satkinssalazar@cityofarcata.org* or on the phone at (707) 496-4779. We want you to be successful and have an amazing experience in Arcata. Maybe you will follow the lead of so many that have come before you and decide to make this your new permanent home!

A town with more culture than there are grains of sand at Luffenholtz

he 56th Annual Trinidad to Clam Beach Run Honoring Ford Hess is set to begin on Saturday, Jan. 29 at 12:30 p.m. near Saunders Park off Patrick's Point Drive.

The 5 3/4 mile run (no threemile nor eight and three-quarter mile events this year) will follow Scenic Drive for three miles, turning down the hill to Moonstone Beach near Moonstone Grill and then crossing Little River and ending on Clam Beach near Strawberry Creek.

There will be a party on the beach afterward to celebrate athletic success. A hot bowl of chili, music and a bonfire will greet registered runners.

You can still register, at a cost of \$30, at exploretrinidadca. com/tcbr although it is too late to order a T-shirt.

Registered runners can pick up racing packets at the Jogg'n Shoppe, 1090 G St., Arcata on Friday, Jan. 28. On Race Day, runners can pick up packets at Trinidad Town Hall between 9 a.m. and noon.

Street parking is available in Trinidad along with overflow parking in the grassy area behind Murphy's Market. Parking at Clam Beach is limited, so carpooling is advised. There will be a shuttle service for runners who need transport from South Clam Beach parking lot back to Town

Masks required on the shuttle bus and will be provided if needed. This is a Greater Trinidad

Chamber of Commerce event. For inquiries, email the race director at trinidadtoclambeach@ gmail.com.

Trinidad Art Gallery new winter hours

Trinidad Art Gallery, corner of Trinity and Parker streets, is celebrating the variety and

depth of its cooperative members. Annie Reid and Howdy Emerson's landscape and seascape oils are on view along with Mara Friedman's sacred feminine imagery in acrylics.

Maureen McGarry's watercolors of nature and Amanita Mollier's silk paintings are featured.

The photography of Jim Lowry with its classical style with modern digital elements, Alan Liles' representational landscapes and Matthew Dodge's sculpted pho-ries, quilt work and beading. tographs, which begin with a photograph but are transformed into patterns with color applied by hand using inks, dyes, pencils, pastels, oils, acrylics and watercolors, all are on exhibit.

Four of Humboldt County's ceramic artist works are on view, including Elaine Y. Shore's utili-

> tarian pottery bowls, platters, mugs and more, all decorated by hand, Loryn White's decorative works using porcelain slip range from hand built to wheel thrown, Diane Sonderegger's whimsical, humorous anthropomorphic ani-

mal sculptures, and Laura Rose's Raku ceramics, inspired by the cave art of France and Spain and the rock art of Africa.

The animal kingdom is well represented by Donvieve's masks made from sculpted leather and Eleanor Seeley's fabric "Wooly Ones." Other 3-D artists included in the gallery are Sarah Magnuson with her fantasy hanging copper sculptures and Oceana Madrone's dolls with their own poems/sto-

Drew Forsell is a gallery jeweler. He uses unusual crystals and silver to create elegant necklaces and earrings.

The gallery's two woodworkers are Tom Kingshill, showing his one-of-a-kind bowls using redwood burls, while Kurt Hellmich makes an array of utilitarian woodworks including cutting boards, cribbage boards, decorate boxes and more.

Two gallery artists work with glass. Colleen Clifford creates stained glass, which fills the gallery's windows and Matthew Gagliardi displays his blown glass pieces from utilitarian to the rare.

The music of harpist Howdy Emerson and the songs of guitarist JD Jeffries can be heard at gallery openings.

John Wesa's serigraphy of iconic Humboldt County images, Patricia Sundgren Smith's nature prints with hand-drawn images, and Patty Demant's all-natural elements printed on her scarves are featured print artists.

Winter hours for Trinidad Art Gallery are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. every day of the week. For more information go to *trinidadgallery.com* or call (707) 677-3770. Coronavirus precautions in place.

New collection at museum

A wonderful new collection of baskets and objects has come to Trinidad Museum. Among the collection are Shoshini Gensaw-Hostler's medicine woman dress and mink hair ties along with James Gensaw's exquisitely engraved eel hook. Ron Johnson and Alexandra Cox curated the exhibit.

A new fungi and mushroom exhibit curated by Jim Webb and Ginny Waters is on view in the Natural History Room. Trinidad Saw-milling and Trinidad Trains and Timber are featured in the Heritage Room and the Photography Rooms, along with many wonderful objects from the museum's permanent collections. Mary Spinas Kline, Scott Baker and Alexandra Cox assisted with curation.

Winter hours at Trinidad Museum are Thursday through Sunday from 12:30 to 4 p.m. Volunteer docents welcome visitors. Coronavirus protocols in place. Call (707) 677-3816 for informa-

Email Patti at baycity@sonic.

Severe bust at gas station in McKinleyville

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

McKINLEYVILLE - On Friday, Jan. 14 at about 11:48 a.m., Humboldt County Sheriff's deputies on patrol in the McKinleyville area observed an individual wanted on multiple warrant charges at a gas station on the 1600 block of Central Avenue.



Deputies contacted the individual, 36-year-old Kaleb Cory Severe, who was in possession of a vehicle and utility trailer carrying a side-by-side ATV.

Severe was taken into custody on his warrants. During an inventory search prior to towing the vehicle and trailer, deputies located two firearms and ammunition. Deputies learned that the ATV had been reported sto-

len out of the Blue Lake area.

Severe was booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility on charges of possession of stolen property, convicted felon in possession of a firearm and person prohibited in possession of ammunition, in addition to warrant charges of vehicle theft, grand theft and trespassing.

Ciggy smoker robs helpful stranger in his McK garage

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE **McKINLEYVILLE**

Humboldt County Sheriff's Office is seeking information regarding a robbery in McKinleyville.

On Friday, Jan. 14 at about 11:49 a.m., HCSO deputies were dispatched to the 2000 block of McKinleyville Avenue for the report of a robbery.

According to the male victim, an unknown male suspect approached the victim outside his home and asked for a cigarette.

When the victim went inside his garage to retrieve a cigarette, the suspect reportedly followed the victim into the garage and assaulted him with a sharp object, demanding

keys to the victim's vehicle. After a brief struggle, the

suspect fled the residence with some of the victim's personal belongings, including the victim's wallet and a large amount of cash. The victim sustained minor injuries during the assault.

The suspect is described as a white male, thin to medium build, with brown hair, wearing a dark-colored baggy shirt, blue jeans and a gray/dark colored flat-bill baseball hat.

This case is still under investigation. Anyone with information about this case is encouraged to call the HCSO at (707) 445-7251 or the Sheriff's Office Crime Tip line at (707) 268-2539.

POLICE LOG

Kevin L. Hoover

Another gas station, another fentanyl festival plus a sudden plot twist featuring a foolish further felony

HUMBOLDT COUNTY DRUG TASK FORCE

EUREKA – Since early January 2022 the Humboldt County Drug Task

Force (HCDTF) had been investigating Amy Spindler, 45, for fentanyl sales.

As a result of their investigation agents received a search warrant for Spindler.

Jan. 20, 2022 **HCDTF** agents contacted Spindler outside of her vehicle at a gas station in the 2800 block of Broadway in Eureka. Spindler and

passenger, Rebecca Chapa, 37, Eureka, were detained without incident.

Agents served the search warrant and located multiple packages and containers of fentanyl and Xanax as well as cutting agents in

the vehicle.

Amy Spindler

Agents advised both suspects they were under arrest and advised them that if they had drugs hidden

> inside of their clothing it would be a felony to transport it into the jail. Chapa admit-

ted to having additional fentanyl inside of her shirt and she was allowed to retrieve the fentanyl out of her shirt and give it to the agents.

Spindler denied having any drugs hidden on her person.

Both suspects were transported to the jail and booked for the following charges:

 Possession of fentanyl for sale

· Possession of controlled substances for sale During the jail booking



A FLURRY OF FENTANYL Doing their part to keep the tiny baggie industry in business. HCDTF PHOTO

Spindler was found to have fentanyl hidden inside of her shirt.

Spindler added a felony charge for the following:

• Bringing drugs into a jail or prison

Anyone with information related to this investigation or other narcotics related crimes are encouraged to call the Humboldt County Drug Task Force at (707) 267-9976.

On further reflection, do try to be visible at night

CITY OF ARCATA

ARCATA – The Transportation Safety Committee reminds the community that it is the law to wear or carry lights and reflectors at night and in the early morning when walking or biking.

Lights and reflectors provide visibility when it is dark, which lowers the rate of nighttime collisions of pedestrians by motor vehicles.

Motorists can spot a pedestrian from approximately 500 feet away when light reflectors are used,

which allows drivers a 10-second cushion to slow down and ensure they can safely pass pedestrians and bicyclists.

Here are some additional tips for walking or biking after dark:

• Wear light colors, and avoid wearing dark clothing. Pedestrians should wear light-colored clothing to help enhance their visibility to motorists from dusk to dawn. Wearing light reflectors in combination with light-colored clothing is recommended.

• Make no exceptions. Many pedestrians and cyclists assume street lights are enough to be seen by drivers, and this is not the case. Lights and reflectors are always the safest

• Always walk on the sidewalk. If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic.

bet to remain visible.

 Do not assume vehicles will stop. Make eye contact with drivers before crossing the street.

• Wear a helmet, use a bicycle lamp and strategically place reflec-

tors to be seen at night on your bike. Bicyclists should use a front lamp emitting a white light visible from a distance of 300 feet, a rear red reflector or a solid or flashing red light with a built-in reflector visible from a distance of 500 feet, and a white or yellow reflector on each pedal or on the bicyclist's shoes or ankles visible

from a distance of 200 feet. A white or yellow reflector on the front wheel, a white or red reflector on the rear wheel, and reflectorized tires are also recommended.

• Be proactive. Pedestrians and cyclists should always plan ahead in case they find themselves out past nightfall with plans to walk or bike

Always pack lights and reflectors in a bag and take them with you in order to travel home safely.

For additional information on pedestrian and bicycle safety, contact the Building & Engineering Department at (707) 825-2128.

Moral asymmetry dissolves in peppery fog of battle

• Friday, January 7 10:07 a.m. A vehicle a bottle of alcohol and stormed out to go camper, slob variety, expelled trash into the parking lot of an O Street parking lot. Hilarity didn't ensue, but a move-along

warning did. 11:06 a.m. Tensions at the remote O Street parking lot boiled over with an argument and two people claiming the other had pepper-sprayed them, any right/

wrong moral asymmetry lost in the noise of mutual aggression and he-said, she-said-istic ambiguity. The truth is out there - in the festering fever swamps of O Street.

1:43 p.m. An electric scooter left under some stairs on H Street is but an electron-rich memory to its owner.

• Sunday, January 9 12:03 a.m. After making a diversionary fuss about wearing a face mask, of all things, in a Plaza liquor store, The major maskhole du jour grabbed guzzle his way through the night.

8:30 p.m. When a Valley West pizza worker

refused to serve an impudent patron, the thwarted customer flung his fearsome 5-gram debit card at the employee. Some shoving and choking more suitable to a dispute over pineapple inclusion then ensued, as the de-pizza'd patron was ejected from the business. He came back with 20 or so homies, who briefly occupied the pizzeria in tepid solidarity, but they fled at

the imminent arrival of police. 9:32 p.m. Officials at a 13th Street super-

market watched a TV show whose lead actress's performance was so poor they wanted police to deal with her. She, a green-haired woman in a red face mask, was observed on security video secreting merchandise in her purse. Cops came and told her to leave this place and never-ever come back. • Monday, January 10 4:12 p.m. The

owner of a fancy "State" brand bike with lights on the wheels and a whimsical can opener on the frame thought his \$1,000 bicycle would be safe left unlocked near a remote city park known as "the Plaza." But reality didn't meet expectations.

2:41 p.m. A woman scattered some notes around at unknown location(s) saying that if the messages were found, that she is "missing." But she was found alive and well in San Diego. 4:45 p.m. A grungy white Subaru with expired registration, various recreational hoopla attached and a red brassiere dangling from a bike carrier not far from the dual bumper stickers that both read, "I CHOOSE MY OWN

POISON. NO GOV'T VACCINATION ♥ ♥ ▼ ▼ ▼ ▼ " released two symbolically leashed dogs to run loose in Sunny Brae Park, as part of the owner's highly consistent continuum of I-don't-care approach to public safety.

Sign your letter to the Mad River Union with a real name and city of origin, plus a phone number (which won't be published) for identity verification&send it to opinion@

What happened with The Village brought us to where we are now

The Village was approved by the Arcata City Council

I read your article on the HSU Craftsmans Mall housing plan, where you stated that a "downsized version of the Village died on a tied City Council vote in 2019."

I thought NO! we (the City Council in 2019) passed the Village project 4-0, with Michael rescinding himself. I went back to check, in the trusty annals of minutes kept by Bridgit Dory of the City of Arcata, and on June 5, 2019 it says:

"By General Consensus, the Council gave its approval to move forward with the project as it was currently presented as far as the number of units, type of units, percentage split, etc., as laid out by the Council in April 2019."

We were unanimous in the vote! Just keeping the record straight.

Susan Ornelas Former **Arcata** City Council and Mayor

Note: The tied council vote which rejected The Village did take place in 2018, not 2019. And the council did take a straw

***** LETTERS

vote to move forward with The Village the night of June 5, 2019. But that approval was only conceptual, and not on a finished project. The June 5 meeting's staff report *on the matter states:*

"The Council cannot take action on the project until the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) review is complete. This item is to provide the Council the opportunity to review the project approval documents and the current project. Staff will incorporate Council direction in a future meeting to consider certification of the EIR and final approval of the project."

The Village EIR was unusable on June 5, having been prepared by a firm hired by project applicants Coleraine Capital/ AMCAL Equities LLC. The Land Use Code requires an independently prepared EIR, so a CEQA specialist was set to be hired at the expense of the applicant to perform an analysis of the EIR, to verify its objectivity.

The council also asked for more changes to the project's housing makeup,

requiring still another redesign.

But The Village was never to return to the council for final approval, and the CEQA consultant was never hired.

After 17 or more city meetings over a two-year period, with hundreds of thousands of dollars spent on multiple designs to satisfy shifting council direction, and despite reminders from city staff, the applicants may have had the Sunk Cost Fallacy in mind as they refrained from any fol*low-up over the remaining six-plus months* of 2019, and the project went dormant.

Finally, in May 2020, the developer confirmed that The Village project was no more. That left the council's 2018 rejection as the final vote on a complete project.

But that's all moot, since the Craftsman Mall property is now in state hands and its new, 800-student housing development (using council-rejected plans for The Village as a design reference) is exempt from *city regulations.* – *Ed.*

The origins of evil

There are many different belief systems regarding the origins of evil. Perhaps each one

has a fragment of truth. "Those who forget history are doomed to repeat it." is certainly an accurate statement. Most have forgotten that a million people died in 1840s Ireland, when laissez faire capitalism demanded the continued payment of land rents through the export sale of food grown on it even after the potato crop Irish farmers lived off was blighted.

Now one million children in Afghanistan are malnourished, starving, and freezing because Afghan assets are frozen in the World Bank, not released to NGOs, hospitals, U.N. relief agencies, schools and civil servants to keep the country running and recovering least the Taliban receive any of it.

Funds released can go directly to the above named institutions to be used effectively to save the people. They do not have to go to the Taliban that denies equal rights to women, nor should they.

The U.S. froze \$7 billion of Afghan Central Bank's near \$10 billion in assets held by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. If this money is not released it is expected that this winter more will die than died in 20 years of war.

Margo Gross Arcata

Current plans and projects exemplify classic Arcata values

s mentioned in last week's paper, the Craftsman Mall student housing project is currently out to bid, awaiting approval. Given that HSU has the money and the expertise to undertake a big project, and given their track record in new construction with the recent College Creek apartments on campus, along with the superb signage

that has sprung up at significant intersections in the same style, providing the campus a uniform identity that it never had and badly needed, I, for one, expect that HSU will do a great job turning a dystopian junkyard of broken and rusting metal sheds and beat up equipment scattered about the 11 acre site of muddy disarray at the end of St. Louis Road into a fine, 800 person habitation for 21st Century HSU students.

OF ARCATA

Daniel Duncan

Second of two parts

And then there is Arcata's biggest and boldest idea for future growth, the Gateway Area Plan now undergoing review by the Community Development Department which is inviting public comment over the next several months. This development will entail zones for housing, apartments, single family residences, new businesses, renovations of existing structures, bike lanes and parks, traffic redirections and general beautification of the landscape. And the big question for all of us concerned citizens is what and where and how much and who and why and everything else about such a project that will impact the identity of our city for years to come.

Then and now

When I came into Arcata way back in 1970, there was a shortage of housing then too. There were city lots with no houses on them and yet Caltrans was busy removing several houses in the way for new onramps, bridges and the other freeway installations. A guy I was working for at the time, Bill Carpenter, kept telling me to go down there and buy one of those Craftsman houses up on blocks that Caltrans was selling for \$100 just to get it out of the way. He told me go find a bank and get a loan to move the house, put a down payment on one of the empty lots in town, transport the perfectly good house onto its new foundation made by me - give \$5000 to the mover from Redding, and then finance the whole thing with the

same bank that lent me the money for the mover. I could have my own house for less than \$10,000. What sane person could turn down such an opportunity?

Me for one, for I was happily at work building Bill's garage. At the time, I was installing new old growth 1 by 12 redwood siding, to be mitred at the corners of the building, which required

the utmost patience, a steady hand, and every bit of my skill to perform correctly with my old sidewinder power saw turned at a 45. When the joint came true, that is, with no gaps, I couldn't feel any prouder of myself than if i were a 19th century carpenter reborn in the modern period. I told Bill — a man I deeply respected as I tended to feel towards every Arcata elder I met who had nothing but good sense

about life to offer me — to leave me alone with his schemes for a quick buck. I liked what I had (at the time, a small house down Elk River Road on an acre that had flooded which the desperate owner turned over to us for \$1,000 down and a \$9,000 total sale price.) And besides that, I had by then also enrolled myself into the university, having fallen in love with a philosophy professor named Dr. Howe, and I was too absorbed figuring out Plato's Ideas to want to distract myself



GATEWAY GUY The author, Daniel Duncan, at Saturday's Gateway Area Plan Open House at the Arcata Community Center. KLH | UNION

I have learned. The character of a town is defined partly by its streets and buildings, and partly by the people who inhabit those streets and buildings in the present, whether these people made the environment they live in or didn't. For if philosophy taught me anything in college and after, it was this: the things of this world that we make to surround us in our daily lives represent our most determinative ideas about how to live life well. They are not just bricks in a wall with doors and windows of a certain material and design, but they are the very shapes that we think are appropriate for the particular function because they serve both our beliefs and tastes as well as facilitate the most intimate ways that



Plaza for decades and no longer

represented the values of the

modern Arcata temperament, it

was time to remove it, to clear the

'Making the Past Live Again'

late attitudes. And I know some of

But, as I said, you can't legis-

space for the next thing.

and style and were built to last. This is the kind of thing we should keep in mind when we ask ourselves what we love about the place where we live and how we want it to grow. What makes it good? What about it do we want to keep? What values from the past do we want to preserve? Times change and people are going to have different tastes in different eras. I personally am not afraid of new ideas or new home designs. I like novelty and variety. But I want the new to fit with

houses of many of them might not

be fancy, but they had integrity

During my career as a builder in Arcata, my business was called Small World Construction. The world was small then - when you got to know it — and it still is in my opinion, even smaller now.

My company built new houses and restored old ones. Eventually I settled on doing restorations. One of my tag lines was "Making the Past Live Again" because a lot of the old houses that came my way had been neglected by their owners who had fallen on hard times or they were simply under appreciated. By "living again" I meant living in the now, in the present, because if a house was well-built, it could serve the present again; a well-made building

lasts longer than one generation.

Clearly, we here in the North Coast have been given our marching orders by the Powers That Be in Sacramento. Our university up on the hill, HSU, shall become a Polytechnic and the student body will increase by 5500 by 2028. The Trustees have, provided the University with \$458,000,000 to make this happen. As for Arcata, the city in which the university exists and serves (along with the youth of this great state that migrate up here to Humboldt) shall be put on notice about what is to come:

Growth, major population growth, is coming, like it or not.

Yes In My Back Yard

The City of Arcata will need to grow faster than it has ever had to, except during the gold rush. The days of one percent per annum population increase are over. Lots of new dwellings are going to be needed and sooner rather than later. Certainly the surrounding cities will have to do their part to provide housing for the HSU expansion. My personal preference to accommodate some of the growth is by infill. And I don't mean by that filling up every available space with blocky apartments. Given a recent change in the building code by the State, every parcel in California can now have three dwellings per residential lot. The posture of the state has changed from tolerating NIMBY to encouraging YIMBY. Yes In My Back Yard, one more living unit than before.

But there are many other possibilities and all the citizenry will have the opportunity to weigh in on the complex issue of growing but growing well. Whatever course we take, let's keep in mind that it's a small world out there. Yes, and it's all we've got, so let's be sure to get this thing done right. We owe it to ourselves to those who come after us.

End of part 2. Daniel Duncan ran Small World Construction in Arcata from 1986 through 2007. Contact him at dduncan362@ gmail.com.



DEMOCRACY IN ACTION As city staff discussed the Gateway Area Plan inside the Community Center Saturday, some of the plan's skeptics tabled outside the entrance. This kind of creative tension also marked the great land use battles of the 1970s.

with some mundane enterprise like moving a big house, even if I could get the whole damn thing for a hundred bucks.

There are some things, like feelings, that you can't force. You can't legislate attitudes either, our physical surroundings to be beautiful, if at all possible, but to at least to be meaningful. When there is something out there that doesn't fit, for example, the statue of President McKinley that had stood in the middle of the

SCENE

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF ARCATA

Brass, woodwinds & viola at Jan. 30 concert

Franklin Stover

SPECIAL TO THE UNION

ARCATA – Starting out the year on a positive note, the Chamber Players of the Redwoods will be performing great chamber music at the Lutheran Church of Arcata on Sunday, Jan. 30 at 2 p.m.

Featuring works by Hindemith, Beethoven, Gounod and others, ensembles include a brass quintet, woodwind nonette, and a viola/piano duo.

The event is free with a suggested donation. The church is located at 151 East 16th St. in Arcata. Because of health concerns, organizers urge concert goers to wear masks and bring proof of vaccination.

The program promises to display a wide range of instrumental textures and styles that will be familiar to some but refreshingly new to others.

For instance, the North Coast Brass Ensemble will perform a classic quintet that's become a staple of brass aficionados but not well known to the average concert goer. That said, Howard Cable's piece A Newfoundland Sketch is sure to please. Composed in 1978 for the famous Canadian Brass, it's loosely based on the familiar American folk tune Sweet Betsy from Pike.

Cable, who passed away at the age of 95 in 2016, was a conductor, composer, arranger and television producer. The Canadian Brass nicknamed him "the Mozart of Canada."

Following the Cable piece with another brass work, the group serves up a jazz-nuanced suite in five movements by Zachary Smith, a resident of Virginia. Written last year, the composer states that triangles and groups of three had a part in formulating the work, explaining in part why he named it Trigonometry.

A trumpet player who plays Dixieland jazz, Smith has ties to the North Coast with his 2012 win of the



HARMONIEMUSIK Members of Humboldt Harmoniemusik include, back row, Danny Gaon, Aaron Lopez, bassoons; Virginia Ryder, Susan Sisk, oboes; Gary Lewis, flute. Front row, Don Bicknell, Anwyn Halliday, horns; Gwen Gastineau-Ayoob, Kenneth Ayoob, clarinets.

Humboldt Brass Chamber Music Workshop for his brass trio. Members of the North Coast Brass Ensemble include: Tom Hyde and Chris Cox, trumpet; Ronite Gluck, horn; Dan Aldag, trombone; and Fred Tempas, tuba.

Moving on to something completely different, violist Sherry McHurd Hanson will perform three pieces with Jennifer Heidmann, pianist. Works include Beethoven's Romance in F op. 50, Hindemith's Trauermusik, and a Toccata by Glenn C. Jones. Interestingly, Beethoven played the viola, but didn't get around to composing any solo music for it. We can only surmise that he would not have objected to hearing his Romances played on the viola. Joseph Vieland, a virtuoso violist performing with the Chicago Symphony arranged Beethoven's Romances in the 1950s thus legitimizing the practice of performing these works on viola.

Paul Hindemith's Trauermusik (funeral music) is a product of 1936 and dedicated to the memory of King George V. It was composed in one day, performed the same evening, and broadcast over the BBC.

Just two days later, the composer, a viola player, premiered his own viola



BRASS ENSEMBLE Members of the North Coast Brass Ensemble include Dan Aldag, trombone; Tom Hyde, trumpet; Chris Cox, trumpet; Ronite Gluck, horn; and Fred Tempas, tuba. Submitted PHOTO

concerto in London.

The work is in four short movements and contains several interesting musical quotes from Bach, Mahler and Hindemith himself.

Last on the program is a scrumptious nonnette for woodwinds by Frenchman Charles Gounod (1818-1893) called The Petite Symphonie. Written at the request of Paul Taffanel, professor of flute at the Paris Conservatory and leader of the Société de musique pour instruments à vent, it premiered in Paris in April of 1885. Scored for one flute, the oboes, clarinets, horns and bassoons are all paired.

Gounod's little sym-

fice at (707) 786-5483.

required to attend.

Please note that proof of

In *Noises Off!* is written

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vaccination and masks are

phony for winds is elegant, sweet, and embodies the best characteristics in chamber music. The first movement is a slow introduction followed by an Allegretto in sonata form. The second movement features the added flute part. The scherzo that follows is based on a hunting theme, with a lively finale in the fourth movement to end the symphony.

Musicians include: Gary Lewis, flute; Virginia Ryder and Susan Sisk, oboes: Gastineau-Ayoob Gwen and Kenneth Avoob, clarinets; Don Bicknell and Anwvn Halliday, horns; and Danny Gaon, Aaron Lopez, bassoons.

BECAUSE I GOT HIGH Afroman, who bills himself as "The World's Highest Rapper," will perform Thursday, Feb. 17 at the Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. in Arcata. Doors for the all-ages show open at 7 p.m. and with the concert beginning at 8 p.m. Earlybird tickets are \$15, presale tickets are \$20 a day-ofthe-show tickets are \$25 and available at ArcataTheatre.com. Afroman released his



first album My Fro-losophy in 1998. He scored a major hit with the comedic song *Because I Got High* two years later. The song, originally inspired by his unwillingness to clean his room, surged in popularity on Napster after it was played on The Howard Stern Show. Nominated for a Grammy Award for Best Rap Solo Performance, Because I Got High was later featured on the soundtracks of Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back, The Perfect Score and Disturbia. The success landed Afroman a place in Cypress Hill's Smoke Out Festival and a six-album deal with Universal Records. He released the Jobe Belles Christmas albums and performed at Insane Clown Posse's Gathering of the Juggalos.

Tomorrow's great opera talent

EUREKA CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES

ARCATA/EUREKA – Eureka Chamber Music Series presents two more concerts during the winter months, as they welcome the San Francisco Opera's Adler Fellows, showcasing tomorrow's greatest opera talent today; performing their mainstage concert at Calvary Lutheran Church, 716 South Ave., Eureka in Eureka on Saturday, Jan. 29 at 7:30 p.m., and a Concert + Conversation at the Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St. in Arcata on Sunday, Jan. 30 at noon.

The Adler Fellowship program is a multi-year performance-oriented residency for opera's most promising young artists. The program has launched the careers of many of the artists performing on SF Opera stage and on stages around the world.

The concert series follows up-to-date COVID guidelines, and proof of vaccination and a booster is required in order to attend concerts.

The Mainstage Concert at the Calvary Lutheran Church in Eureka is \$40. The Concert + Conversation at Arcata Playhouse is \$20 general, \$10 for students.

Visit eurekachambermusic.org for more information.

FIND YOUR IN-**NER FAIRY** Humboldt Literacy Project presents Find Your Inner Fairy, a family literacy party with Shoshanna Thursday, Jan. 27 from 10 to 11 a.m. on Zoom at 869 2305 1012. Fair-



Shoshanna

ies of all ages are invited to create their own Fairy or Elf house while hearing stories and finding out what it takes to find your own Fairy path and figure out just what kind of magic you can weave in your community! Are you a Water Fairy? Spring? Fire? Snow? Sparkle? Dragon? Are you a Gardening Fairy? Cooking? Cleaning? Are you an Engineering Fairy? Space Fairy? Animal Fairy? A limited number of free craft kits are available to early fairies at the Arcata or McKinlevville Library, or at the children's desk in the Eureka Library, starting Friday, Jan. 21, during library open hours, noon to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. You may also scout your home ahead of time for items like: a paper plate/bowl/cup, pom poms, fabric bits, beads, straws, sparkly jewels, small cardboard tubes, foil, pipe cleaners, tiny boxes, ribbons, twisty ties, springs, broken jewelry, lids, plastic pieces, and anything else that looks like fun! You can use hot glue (with help), glue, tape, string, rubber bands, clay, or Playdough to connect things! Humboldt's longtime "Community Fairy," Shoshanna has taught Fairy & Elf House making with Girl Scouts, Humboldt County Library's Kids Create program, HCOE Family Maker Nights, Fairy Camps, Birthday Parties, and more. She is the Kinetic Fairy Princess, Arcata's Halloween Fairy and Snowflake Queen, and loves to encourage creative thinking and problem-solving along with appreciation of the potential in upcycled treasures kept out of the trash. For more information, go to Humboldtliteracy. org or Humlib.org, or call (707) 445-3655.

Noise Off! comes to the stage at Ferndale Rep

MAD RIVER UNION

FERNDALE - The Ferndale Repertory Theatre returns to the stage this weekend with a laugh-outloud comedy Noises Off!

The show will be at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and 2 p.m. on Sundays, from Jan. 28 to Feb.

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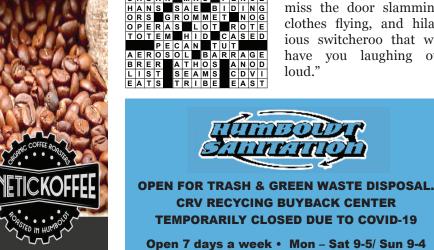
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online at arts-people.com/ index.php?show=128668or you can call the box of-

by Michael Frayn. An email from the Ferndale Rep de-Tickets can be purchased scribes the plot: "Lloyd Davis is an ambitious director, and his troupe of



disastrous performance in Noises Off. The cast and crew are desperately putting together an adult comedy entitled 'Nothing On,' and just can't get the production together. This three-act play highlights every actor's nightmare from behind the scenes, to a performance gone terribly wrong. Made famous by the 1992 film, Michael Frayn's Noises Off! became a worldwide sensation and a classic farce of modern times. You won't want to miss the door slamming, clothes flying, and hilarious switcheroo that will have you laughing out



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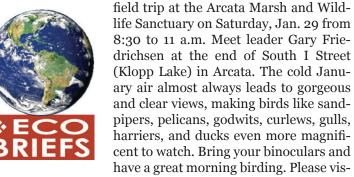


Open 10-5 Mon-Sat and 12-5 Sunday

ARCATA MARSH TOUR Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) is sponsoring a free tour of the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, Jan. 29. Meet leader Alex Stillman at 2 p.m. in the lobby of the Interpretive Center on South G Street for a 90-minute, rain-or-shine walk focusing on marsh history, wastewater treatment, and/or ecology. Masks are required inside the building; have one handy to comply with current Coun-

ty COVID rules outdoors. For more information, call (707) 826-2359.

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it rras.org for COVID-19 participation guidelines. Let us know you plan to attend by text/messaging Ralph Bucher at (707) 499-1247, or email thebook@ reninet.com with the walk date and name, email and phone number for each participant.

Sustainable Futures Speaker Series kicks off Jan. 27

HUMBOLDT STATE

HSU - Humboldt State University's Sustainable Futures speaker series (SFSS) opens on Thursday, Jan. 27 at 5:30 p.m. with Jill Lindsey Harrison, author of From the Inside Out: The Fight for Environmental Justice within Government Agencies.

Harrison will present key findings from her book, which lifts the veil on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and other environmental regulatory agencies to offer new insights into why they fail to reduce harmful toxins and other hazards in our nation's most environmentally overburdened and vulnerable communities.

Harrison is a professor at the University of Colorado Boulder, whose research focuses on environmental justice, environmental politics, and immigration politics.

On Thursday, March 3 at 5:30 p.m., Alison Bates will share re-

search she has conducted over the last decade on the social acceptance of offshore wind energy, and how conceptualizations of "community" and a "just" energy transition have evolved over that time.

Bates is a professor of environmental studies at Colby College in Maine, where she researches the social acceptance of renewable energy systems, including offshore wind, utilizing an equity and justice framework.

This year, the federal government expects to award the first offshore wind leases on the Pacific coast, which will be located in the Humboldt Bay region. Bates' expertise with offshore wind decision-making processes and their impacts on marginalized communities is very timely for the North

SFSS will close out on April 28 5:30 p.m. with a presentation by Andrea Rodgers on children's fun-

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JASON EVERETT PE-

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damental rights, the climate crisis, and the call for judicial branch engagement.

Rodgers is a senior litigation attorney at Our Children's Trust, where she serves as counsel on several climate-related lawsuits filed by youth plaintiffs, including Juliana v. United States, Aji P. v. State of Washington, and Reynolds v. State of Florida. Rodgers will explore how children and youth have turned to the courts to seek protection of their fundamental rights, and where we stand

The Spring 2022 Sustainable Futures speaker series is being held online. All events are free and open to the public, and live captioning is provided for all talks. To request additional support, please contact schatzenergy@humboldt. edu or call (707) 826-4345. Register for all events at schatzcenter. org/speakers.



FABULOUS FIELDBROOK Fieldbrook Community Club held its annual installation of officers on Jan. 18. From left are Mary Ann Hanson, secretary; John Bracklow, treasurer; Vicki Alton, president; Rowetta Miller, executive trustee; Paul Agpawa, vice president; Suzan Gupton, executive trustee, and Olivia Strope, executive trustee (absent is Elsie George, executive trustee). Fieldbrook Community Club (FCC), chartered in 1927 according to Secretary's records, is a unique group of individuals who continue to fight for the use of the Club's hall for their community. Mr. Place and Mr. Mason of Fieldbrook were the original builders of the Clubhouse for the FCC. Club members assisted. Club began meeting at the hall in August 1938. Tidbits of historical information from secretarial records show FCC began as a social group to gather, share their ideas, and work together for their community. This included participating in fundraising during WWII. The Club provided canning jars for the Orleans area to can peaches for military consumption. They also acquired blankets from Eureka Woolen Mills to use for fundraising. In December 1938 Club received a letter from Red Cross requesting a \$5 donation. The donation was considered too much at the time. It was voted to send \$1. Currently, FCC continues the work to save their community hall for use by the community. In 2019 the Club applied to change their 501c7 status to a 501c3 status as a non-profit corporation. That was granted. Donations made to FCC are now tax deductible. A petition is located at Fieldbrook Market to be signed by anyone wishing to support FCC's cause. A Resolution for the County Supervisors' support is scheduled to be read at their January 25 meeting. For further information go to FCC's Facebook at Everything Fieldbrook CA.

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LEGAL NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

22-00060 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: HIGHGRADE DISTRIBUTION 2210 MCKINLEYVILLE AVE.

MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519 COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT FUGATE FALLS INC. CA C3965396 1551 NURSERY WAY, STE. A MCKINLEYVILLE, CA

95519 This business is conducted by: A CORPORATION S /GINO GRANADOS

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JAN. 21, 2022 **KELLY E. SANDERS**

TN DEPUTY CLERK 1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/16 **FICTITIOUS BUSINESS**

NAME STATEMENT 22-00040

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CASADEDOG 1184 WINCHESTER AVE. MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT RAMIRO I. PALAFOX 1184 WINCHESTER AVE. MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519

This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL S /RAMIRO PALAFOX SOLE PROPRIETOR/OWN-ER

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JAN. 10, 2022 KELLY E. SANDERS TN DEPUTY CLERK

1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/16 **FICTITIOUS BUSINESS** NAME STATEMENT

22-00042 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CHANGELING **2124 UNION ST. EUREKA, CA 95501** COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

2124 UNION ST. EUREKA, CA 95501 This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL S/CRYSTALTHORPE OWNER

CRYSTAL A.THORPE

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JAN. 11, 2022 KELLY E. SANDERS TN DEPUTY CLERK

1/19, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9 **FICTITIOUS BUSINESS**

NAME STATEMENT 22-000432 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **PUPUSERIA SAN MIGUEL** 1965 ZEHNDER AVE.

ARCATA, CA 95521 COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT **GG FOOD SERVICE LLC** CA 202200510316 1965 ZEHNDER AVE. **ARCATA, CA 95521**

This business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

S/GINO GRANADOS

CEO This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JAN. 11, 2022 KELLY E. SANDERS **SC DEPUTY CLERK** 1/19, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **GREENCOAST GIS 275 MULLEN ROAD** P.O. BOX 4425

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT THOMAS A. KIRK **275 MULLEN ROAD** KNEELAND, CA 95549 by: AN INDIVIDUAL

on DEC. 20, 2021 KELLY E. SANDERS

1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2

22-00011 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ARCATA TUXEDO** ARCATA, CA 95521

on JAN. 6, 2022 KELLY E. SANDERS **SC DEPUTY CLERK**

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 21-00813

(are) doing business as: **PROVIDENCE** HUMBOLDT HOME INFUSION 2612 HARRISON AVE. **EUREKA, CA 95501** COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT ST. JOSEPH HEALTH NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, LLC

CALIFORNIA 201630710112 3345 MICHELSON DR. **SUITE 100 IRVINE, CA 92612**

by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY S /OLUYEMI ADEYANJU SECRETARY on DEC. 29, 2021

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TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JASON EVERETT PE-**TERS**

21-00802 KNEELAND, CA 95549

ARCATA, CA 95518

This business is conducted S/THOMAS ARTHUR KIRK OWNER

791 8TH STREET STE 4 COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

EUREKA, CA 95503 This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL S/STEPHANIE PFEIFER

The following person(s) is

This business is conducted

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk KELLY E. SANDERS **SC DEPUTY CLERK**

NOTICE OF PETITION CASE NO.: PR2200004

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who

TERS

has been filed by JAMES PETERS in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT The Petition for Probate requests that: JAMES PE-

TERS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. authority to administer

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk SC DEPUTY CLERK

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

STEPHANIE L. PFEIFER 3512 COTTAGE ST.

OWNER This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk

1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2

DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. PLEASE VISIT https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN AN ONLINE VIDEO HEAR-ING

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other Cal-

ifornia statutes and legal

authority may affect your

rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk

CHRIS JOHNSON HAM-FR (SBN 105752) STOKES, HAMER, KIRK & EADS LLP 381 BAYSIDE ROAD.

SUITE A ARCATA, CA 95521 (707) 822-1771 1/12, 1/18, 1/26

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME **QUINN RACHAEL** FORD SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF HUM-BOLDT **CASE NO. CV2101804** TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: QUIN

RACHAEL FORD to Proposed name: QUIN KULLA 2. THE COURT OR-DERS that all persons

interested in this matter appear before this court. located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

Date: FEB. 18, 2022 Time: 1:45 p.m. Dept.: 4

For information on how to appear remotely for your hearing, please visit https://www.humboldt.

courts.ca.gov/. 3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union. Date: DEC. 27, 2021 Kelly L. Neel

Judge of the Superior 1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION Notice is hereby giv-

en that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property under the California Self-Service Storage Facility Act (Bus. Prop. Code Ss 21700-21716) The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on the 3nd day of February, 2022 at 10 a.m. on the premises where said property has been stored and which is currently located at Arcata Bay Self Storage, 250 E Street Arcata, CA. Most storage units contain miscellaneous personal property, clothing, furnishings and household

goods. In addition, the following units contain: Dharmadas Chakravarti - Skate Boards, Backpacks, Bags, Boxes, Canopy, Bikes, Books Devdas Chakravarti Electronics, Boxes, Carpet, Toaster, Suite Case,

Boxes The Auctioneer will be Kerry Rasmussen, Bond #7900364465, phone #707-822-0331. chases must be paid for at the time of the sale in cash only. All purchased items sold "as is" and must be removed at the time of sale. Sale is subject to cancellation in the settlement between owner and obligated party, auctioneer, and Arcata Bay Self Storage.

1/19, 1/26 **ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE** FOR CHANGE OF NAME **REBECCA LYNN DIX-**

ON (NOW KNOWN AS RE-**BECCA LYNN WRIGHT)** SUPERIOR COURT OF **CALIFORNIA** COUNTY OF HUM-BOLDT

CASE NO. CV2200057 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

THE COURT OR-DERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted.

LYNN WRIGHT

the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two days before the court matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may

grant the petition without a hearing. Date: MARCH 4, 2022

Time: 1:45 p.m. Dept.: 4 For information on how to appear remotely for your hearing, please visit https://www.humboldt.

courts.ca.gov/ 3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union. Date: JAN. 13, 2022 Kelly L. Neel

Judge of the Superior 1/19, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9

CITY OF ARCATA LEGAL NOTICE ADOPTION OF

ORDINANCE NO. 1555 I hereby certify that at a regular meeting held on January 5, 2022, the Arcata City Council introduced Ordinance No. 1555, summarized below, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Arcata Amending the Arcata Municipal Code, Title II, Chapter 10, to make Biennial Consumer Price Index Adjustments to Campaign Contribution Limitations, at which time the reading in full thereof was waived and approval ordinance by title only.

granted for reading the Ordinance No. 1555 was passed and adopted at a regular City Council meeting held on January 19, 2022, by the following vote: AYES: Atkins-Salazar, Goldstein, Matthews, Schaefer, Watson. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. AB-STENTIONS: None. APPROVED: Stacy Atkins-Salazar, Mayor, City

of Arcata ATTEST: Bridget Dory,

City Clerk, City of Arcata Summary of Ordinance No. 1555

> es the City's limitation on contributions campaign from a single person from \$210 to \$220 for 2022. The full text of Ordinance No. 1555 is available for public inspection

This ordinance increas-

at the office of the City Clerk, Arcata City Hall 736 F Street, Arcata, California, Monday through between Friday, a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The ordinance will take effect February 18, 2022, BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARCATA. Dated

January 19, 2022. Bridget Dory, City Clerk, City of Arcata 1/26

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME **MARREDE SIM** SUPERIOR COURT OF **CALIFORNIA**

COUNTY OF HUM-BOLDT CASE NO. CV2200073 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: MARRE-DE SIM to Proposed ROBBYN name:

MARREDE SIM 2. THE COURT OR-DERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

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courts.ca.gov/. 3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union. Date: JAN. 18, 2022

Kelly L. Neel Judge of the Superior

1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/16

CITY OF ARCATA NOTICE TO CONSULTANTS **REQUEST FOR PRO-**POSALS (RFP) FOR 8TH AND 9TH **STREETS IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT ENGINEERING AND**

ENVIRONMENTAL

SERVICES The City of Arcata is seeking proposals from qualified consultants to provide engineering and environmental services for the Public Engagement and Environmental Documentation phase of the 8th and 9th Streets Improvements Project Arcata, California. The City intends to enter an agreement with a qualified consulting firm to complete this initial phase of the Project, with the option to later enter agreements to complete the remaining phases of the project. The City has been awarded funding for this Project through California Department of Housing and Community Development's Infill and Infrastructure Grant Pro-

Proposals for this work will be received at the City Manager's Office, 736 F Street, Arcata, California until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 18, 2022. The award for this contract is anticipated to be made at the Arcata City Council's meeting on or after April 20, 2022. The Request for Proposals Package for this work can be obtained on the City's website, www.cityofarcata.org under "Bids."



Caldwell earns MCSD'S Community Builder Award

MAD RIVER UNION
McKINLEYVILLE –
Charlie Caldwell, a longtime champion of building
a skate park in McKinleyville, was recently
awarded the coveted Community Builder Award by
the McKinleyville Community Services District.

"The Community Build-

"The Communer Award is an award the district presents to local individuals, businesses, and organizations for their volunteer service, sponsorship, promotion of programs and events, out-



Caldwell has been advocating for a McKinleyville Skate Park for more than two decades. He's helped raise money, apply for grants and keep the effort alive to build a skate park in town.

The MCSD has dedicated a portion of Pierson Park for a skate park and is waiting to learn if it obtains state grant funds to pay for the skate park.

Caldwell has also served on the district Park & Recreation Committee (PARC) since April of 2012. He is a member of the McKinleyville Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and during the summer helps water the hanging flower pots on Central Avenue.

"You will see Charlie watering flowerpots along Central Ave. in the spring and summer, setting up skate ramps at Music in the Park, Pony Express Days Festival and World Wide Day of Play, and also putting up the Christmas Tree of Lights at the Safeway Shopping Center," Frisbee wrote.

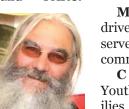
"It has been a great pleasure getting to know and work with Charlie over the last many years," Frisbee wrote. "His effort and willingness to support projects in service to the health and well being of the community are testament to his role as a Community Builder."

The MCSD conduct-

ed the following interview with Caldwell for the award:

MCSD: How long have you (or your business or organization) been involved with the McKinleyville community?

Caldwell: 20+ years and I think 8 or 9 on the PARC.



Charlie Caldwell

MCSD: What drives you to serve in your community?

Caldwell: Youth and families providing recreation and family time gatherings opportunities.

MCSD: What do you appreciate most about McKinleyville?

Caldwell: McKinleyville along with the rest of Humboldt, the beauty of our communities' local woods, beaches and heart of people who want to bring the best of opportunities to enjoy it all. A place our kids want to stay and be able to make a living raise families and share in the Love!!!

MCSD: In your opinion, what are the key ingredients for creating a vibrant, connected and engaged community?

Caldwell: All types of recreation, art, music, outdoor, and diverse business opportunities.

MCSD: What do you see as the biggest challenge facing communities, or McKinleyville in particular, today?

Caldwell: Funding the heart of the people and their hope for our communities trying our open space into usable functional space for visitors and locals alike.

MCSD: What are the hopes you hold for the community of McKinleyville? Where do you see the most opportunity for community improvement?

Caldwell: Skatepark, BMX track; community forest and the opportunities for local growth keeping those who wants to stay in Humboldt that chance.

MCSD: What are you most proud of in terms of your service to and within the community of McKinlevville?

Caldwell: I hope to say one day the Skatepark

MCSD: Do you have any additional comments you would like to add?

Caldwell: Keep up the great work MCSD recreation people you are fantastic and have huge hearts.

❖ OPENING SOON

The Center at McKinleyville

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
McKINLEYVILLE –
Construction on The Center at McKinleyville is complete and final preparations are being made.

McKinleyville FRC Executive Director Hillarie Beyer said being in close proximity to community partners will aid in assisting mutual clients. "Having our agencies in the same building will provide opportunities for staff to work across agencies to improve community members' experiences of all of our services."

She said the new location also has two conference rooms, a demonstration kitchen and a playground and playrooms which will benefit the whole community. "In addition to improved access to services used by many members of our community, The Center will be a



gathering place for people to participate in new programming."

The Center is a project of McKinleyville Family Resource Center (FRC), Open Door Community Health Centers, Humboldt State University Department of Social Work, North Coast Regional Department of Child Support Services, Trinidad Rancheria Tribal Social Services and the Humboldt County Department of Health & Human Services.

For updates on The Center, located at 1615 Heartwood Drive in McKinleyville, visit thecenteratmckinleyville.

MCSD EMPLOYEE OF THE Joseph Blaine, YEAR shown holding a plaque, was recently selected as the 2021 Employee of the Year by his fellow employees at the McKinleyville Community Services District. The employee of the year is chosen through a secret ballot of his peers. A report from MCSD General Manager Patrick Kaspari states "Joseph (Joey) is very much appreciated



and admired by his peers. Throughout the 2021-year, Joey has stepped up in many ways, including taking on an IT role to create a smooth Zoom and hybrid experience at Board meetings, learning the Accounts Payable process after a change of staffing, and implementing new technology programs at the District, including a new 165 phone system that has saved the District thousands each month since its implementation. He is always ready to give a helping hand and is patient in teaching new things to other coworkers, especially those who may not understand the new technology very well. Joey greets every customer with a smile, and quickly learns their name to give a personal touch to each interaction." Small joins a pantheon of MCSD Employees of the Year, a recognition began by the late-Norman Shopay in 2009. Previous awardees are Sharon Denison, 2009, Tony Rutten, 2010, James Henry, 2011, Lesley Frisbee, 2012, William McBroome, 2013, David Baldosser, 2014, Diane Sloan, 2015, Chris Jones, 2016, Jennifer Olsen, 2017, Erik Jones, 2018, P. Kyle Stone, 2019 and Drew Small, 2020. Blaine was presented with the award at the Jan. 5 meeting of the MCSD Board of Directors. From left are Finance Director Colleen Trask; Director Joellen Clark-Peterson; President Dennis Mayo; Employee of the Year Blaine; Director John Corbett; MCSD Manager Kaspari; Director Scott Binder; and Director Greg Orsini.

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